

NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

CITY ITEMS.

WEDNESDAY, March 17.

ABODES OF THE POOR.—One of the Editors of the *Express* has recently described two visits to the Old Brewery in Anthony-st., once from curiosity, and next as the distributor of the aims of several benevolent persons. His descriptions of the place ought to be read by all who have no idea of the horrible condition to which poverty, without crime as well as with, can reduce human beings in a large City like this. The building is some hundred feet in length, and is divided into small apartments; it is occupied by about sixty families; though we have been told that the number of lodgers in it is sometimes as large as 1000. We will copy some of the facts recorded by the Editor of the *Express*:

Our visit was in the night time, and most of the residents were at home. In one room we saw a husband and his wife, with three children, sound asleep on a bed of shavings, and the furniture of the room consisted only of a pine box, a washstand, a chair, which was full of mud, and a mat on the floor of the empty apartment. There were scattered a few meagre boxes. In another we saw a woman, a feeble state of intoxication, whose child, wrapped in a rag, lay beside her upon a mat. In a third, a woman, in a corner of the apartment, was fighting like hyenas; and in another a forlorn old man was suffering with delirious tremors. The majority of women were widows, and we were informed that the rent they paid varied from 2 to 10 shillings per week.

His second visit was on last Saturday, in the day time. He says:

We expected to see less misery than we did in our former visits, but were disappointed. We entered several rooms, and saw new pictures of distress. In one, we saw a very old cast-iron, sitting in his desolate chimney-corner, with no clothing on his person but a pair of pantaloons; in another, his poor wife was wearing wet cold, with the rest of the family. On entering another room we discovered a mass of rags in one corner, where lay an elderly woman, who had lost the use of her limbs, and had not been able to move from her bed for some months. Her only attendant was a kindly disposed woman who dropt. In another room before an expiring fire, sat a sickly-looking girl, about seven years of age, holding in her arms a small child. This same child was discovered to have been born premature suffering. Her story was, that her mother had been dead about a month, and she knew not the fate of her father, who had been arrested for stealing some rags. She was immediately sent to the fire-place, lying on her side, was a colored woman, moaning with rheumatism, and in her immediate vicinity was her husband, suffering intensely with a cold. Here sat an Irish woman, on a chest holding an infant in her arms, and nursing him. She had not seen her husband since he had not eaten a hearty meal for weeks. There, lying in his corner, was a middle-aged man, confined to the floor with an ulcerated knee, and he had in charge a tomb-like iron crutch which had been broken by a fall on the callous floor. It was only partially broken, but was a sharp piece of iron which cut through its fibres. The wife of this man was dead. His only helper in his hour of great need was a puny boy, about seven years old, who seemed to be dead. The appearance of this child we cannot possibly describe.

These poor creatures received the food which benevolence gave and kindness carried to them with joy and gratitude. The wretchedness which is their habitual condition has not utterly deadened their hearts—there is some good left in them yet! Of their miseries we are assured that the above is but the faintest outline. The imagination cannot conceive it all! And under the very roof where these scenes exist there are drama-s which plunge in deeper brutality those who seek from them a temporary intoxication and forgetfulness. Our contemporaries appeal to the wealthy and to the rulers of the City to remove this sick of evil. There are children who should be rescued from the fate which there impends. It would, he says, even be a mercy to burn the building to the ground; that would be a less suffering than now attends them. The City should remove this leprosy from its midst.

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We trust that those to whom men naturally look for action in such cases will not hesitate to put forth their hands. Let those who can yet be saved be saved; else will not their ruin rest upon those who had the power to rescue them, but did not put it forth?

It is, however, a striking fact that every large City has its quarter where extreme vice and its consequences find an abode. If they should be removed and the quarter obliterated, the cause which produced it would produce it again. The Old Brewery is not an accident but the necessary result of certain causes. You may burn it to the ground, but there will come another in its place. Cannot some mode of Charity be discovered which shall be preventive as well as curative? which shall not only prevent evils, but do something to guarantee Society against their returning in equal if not greater intensity!

PROF. MITCHELL'S LECTURE.—Our report of this lecture is from the pen of Mr. Oliver Dyer, and was taken down by him in Phonography. By this system of writing, a skillful person like Mr. Dyer can follow the most rapid speaker absolutely verbatim, a thing impossible to any scheme of Stenography ever invented.

IRELAND.—The U. S. Ship Macedonian, Commodore De Key, is not round in the North River, and may be detained at the Yard for some days yet.

Moses Dixon & Quin of 22 West-st. have volunteered their services and those of twenty men, as stevedores, with service of horses in putting her cargo on board ship free of charge. They have also offered to assist in bringing the ship over to this City.

DEATH.—George Corlis died in this City, where he had resided some seventy years, on Sunday evening last, aged ninety-three. He belonged to the Society of Friends, and has always sustained a blameless reputation. He was a man, worked at his trade till a few months before his death.

CONCERT.—A concert is to be given at the Baptist Church in Sixteenth-st. near Eighth-st., next Thursday evening, for the benefit of Mr. Robert Eder, the blind organist of the church. Mr. E. was formerly a pupil of the N. Y. Institution for the Blind. He will play at this concert several pieces of his own composition.

ALMS HOUSE EXPENSES.—We give the following particulars of expenditure in this Department for the year ending December 31, 1846:

10,000 PRIMAS DROPS.—The following sizes of primas drops are for sale:

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